Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph [0001] with the following paragraph:

[0001] This application is related by subject matter to the inventions disclosed in the following commonly assigned applications: U.S. patent application No. ~~(not yet assigned)~~10/646,941 (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-1749), filed on ~~even date herewith~~August 21, 2003, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR SEPARATING UNITS OF INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INTERFACE SYSTEM FROM THEIR PHYSICAL ORGANIZATION"; U.S. patent application No. ~~(not yet assigned)~~10/646,940 (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-1750), filed on ~~even date herewith~~August 21, 2003, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A BASE SCHEMA FOR ORGANIZING UNITS OF INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INTERFACE SYSTEM"; U.S. Patent Application No. ~~(not yet assigned)~~10/646,632 (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-1751), filed on ~~even date herewith~~August 21, 2003, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF A CORE SCHEMA FOR PROVIDING A TOP-LEVEL STRUCTURE FOR ORGANIZING UNITS OF INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INTERFACE SYSTEM"; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/646,645 ~~(not yet assigned)~~ (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-1752), filed on ~~even date herewith~~August 21, 2003, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHOD FOR REPRESENTING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN UNITS OF INFORMATION MANAGEABLE BY A HARDWARE/SOFTWARE INTERFACE SYSTEM"; U.S. Patent Application No. ~~(not yet assigned)~~10/646,575 (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-2733), filed on ~~even date herewith~~August 21, 2003, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR INTERFACING APPLICATION PROGRAMS WITH AN ITEM-BASED STORAGE PLATFORM"; U.S. Patent Application No. 10/646,646 ~~(not yet assigned)~~ (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-2734), filed on even date herewith, entitled "STORAGE PLATFORM FOR ORGANIZING, SEARCHING, AND SHARING DATA"; and U.S. Patent Application No. ~~(not yet assigned)~~10/646,580 (Atty. Docket No. MSFT-2735), filed on ~~even date herewith~~August 21, 2003, entitled "SYSTEMS AND METHODS FOR DATA MODELING IN AN ITEM-BASED STORAGE PLATFORM".